

Benefits Terminated

Table 45.
Number, by reason for termination, 2002

Reason for termination	All beneficiaries	Disabled workers and nondisabled dependents				Disabled widow(er)s	Disabled adult children of—		
		Workers	Spouses	Children under age 18	Students aged 18–19		Disabled workers	Retired workers	Deceased workers
Total	962,268	479,364	53,590	282,771	90,442	21,379	10,182	6,463	18,077
Death of beneficiary	206,837	180,602	1,372	952	66	6,797	557	3,106	13,385
Termination resulting from death of worker	36,066	n.a.	6,760	26,530	1,152	n.a.	1,617	7	n.a.
Attainment of age—									
18 by children	172,704	n.a.	n.a.	172,704	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
19 by students	13,275	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13,275	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
65 by disabled workers	256,033	225,674	18,326	7,044	415	n.a.	4,574	n.a.	n.a.
65 by disabled widow(er)s	12,788	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12,788	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Termination of spouse's benefit because child attains age 16	17,033	n.a.	17,033	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Marriage, remarriage, or divorce of beneficiary	9,684	n.a.	2,534	4,715	270	56	364	264	1,481
Entitlement to an equal or larger Social Security benefit	4,111	n.a.	1,503	846	35	615	306	532	274
Does not meet medical standards ^a	112,607	62,788	2,806	40,906	388	264	1,831	912	2,712
Medical improvement ^b	17,918	17,866	c	c	c	52	c	c	c
Work above substantial gainful activity ^d	29,308	29,165	c	c	c	143	c	c	c
Miscellaneous reasons ^e	15,826	15,757	c	c	c	69	c	c	c
Student no longer attending school	73,400	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	73,400	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other	47,730	10,300	3,256	29,074	1,441	859	933	1,642	225

SOURCES: Social Security Administration, Annual Termination file; 2002 Termination Supplement file.

NOTES: These data represent the total number of beneficiaries whose benefits were terminated during the calendar year regardless of the effective date of the termination.

n.a. = not applicable.

a. Dependents benefits terminate when the disabled worker no longer meets the requirements for disability benefits. Disabled widow(er)s and disabled adult children of deceased or retired workers lose their benefits when they no longer meet the requirements for disability benefits.

b. Includes beneficiaries who medically improved, who did not cooperate during the medical review, or whose whereabouts are unknown.

c. Not available.

d. Excludes disabled beneficiaries whose monthly benefits have been suspended because they are engaging in substantial gainful activity during the extended period of eligibility.

e. Includes beneficiaries who did not comply with alcohol or drug abuse treatment programs or who refused vocational rehabilitation services.

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